

POWERS'S FATHER TALKS TO NIXON

Vice President Tells Him To 'Keep Your Spirits Up'

Washington, Aug. 10 (AP) — The father of Francis Gary Powers, the American U-2 pilot captured by Russia, called on Vice President Nixon today and was counseled to "keep your spirits up."

"You've got a lot of people behind you," the Republican Presidential nominee declared solemnly in shaking hands and bidding farewell to Oliver Powers, of Pound, Va.

The 55-year-old Virginian visited Nixon in the Vice President's Capitol office on the eve of taking off for Moscow where his son awaits trial on spy charges August 17.

Judd Arranges Interview

Powers was accompanied to Nixon's office by his family friend, Sol W. Cury, a Norton (Va.) merchant, and Representative Judd (R., Minn.), who arranged the interview.

Powers, who has made some criticism in recent days of the United States Government, contending it had not done enough for his son, said after his talk with Nixon that he had "no complaints."

Asked what Nixon had told him during their brief private meeting, Powers said the Vice President had promised to "do all he can."

Both the question and answer came after Powers and Judd sharply attacked the Russians, accusing them of not living up to their treaties.

1933 Promise Cited

Judd said the Soviet Union, in seeking recognition of the United States in 1933, had promised to notify this country immediately whenever it arrested an American citizen, to afford him a fair trial and grant him the right to his own counsel.

In young Powers's case, all these promises have been broken, Judd asserted.

Judd said Nixon had reminded Powers that as Vice President he was not in a position to take action by himself but that he would take the matter up at the "highest levels" of the United States Government. Judd later said he was returning to the State Department. A reporter asked Powers why he tried to see the Vice President rather than the President.

Doesn't Answer Directly

Powers didn't answer directly but said he had made no effort to see President Eisenhower.

Meanwhile, the flier's wife, Barbara, postponed her departure for Russia in the hope that the Russians might still permit Virginia lawyers to go to Moscow to aid in the defense.

The younger Mrs. Powers had been scheduled to leave New York tonight, but this reservation was canceled this afternoon and one of the lawyers explained "the Soviet Embassy asked us to delay departure for at least 12 to 18 hours."

Others Along

The young wife came to Washington yesterday accompanied by Parker, attorney Frank W. Rogers, of Roanoke; William Dickson, Jr., the Virginia Bar Association president from Norfolk; her mother, Mrs. Monteen Brown, of Milledgeville, Ga., and her mother's physician, Dr. James Baugh, also of Milledgeville.

Of this group, only Mrs. Powers has been cleared for a visa.